

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 5 as follows:

D4 Sub E1
--5. (amended) Process for preparation according to claim 1, in which step a) of the transformation of the -COOH group into a -CON₃ group is carried out by treatment, with hydrazine, of an activated derivative of the amino acid in which the amino group is protected to obtain a hydrazide, which is then subjected to a nitrosation.--

Amend claim 11 as follows:

D5
--11. (amended) Compounds according to claim 10, in which X is derived from a N-hydroxysuccinimide group.--

Amend claim 12 as follows:

D6 Sub E1
--12. (thrice amended) Compounds according to claim 9, having the formula (Ibis) in which $1 < n < 4$, and X is derived from p-nitrophenol, N-hydroxysuccinimide, pentafluorophenol, hydroxy-1,2,3-benzotriazole or imidazole, and GP is an oxycarbonyl group or acyl group.--

Amend claim 14 as follows:

D7 Sub E1
--14. (amended) Compounds according to claim 13, in which X is derived from a N-hydroxysuccinimide group.--

Cancel claims 15-26 without prejudice.

Amend claim 27 as follows:

Sub
E1
D8

--27 (twice amended) Compounds according to claim 7, in which the aryl group can be substituted with 1 to 6 substituents selected from: alkyl, alkoxy, amine, ester, urea, amide, carboxylic acid, of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, hydroxyl, nitrile, nitro, guanidine, aryl whose cyclic structure contains 5 to 20 carbon atoms, and a halogen atom.--

Cancel claims 31-39 without prejudice.

R E M A R K S

This application has been amended in a manner that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner declared that the present application was in condition for allowance except for the presence of subject matter drawn to a non-elected invention. Accordingly, claims 15-26 and 31-39 have been canceled. Applicants respectfully request the rejoinder of claims 10 and 11. Claims 10 and 11 are dependent on claim 7. As claim 7 has been allowed and is generic to claims 10 and 11, it is believed that rejoinder is proper.

As to house keeping matters, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to amended claims 5, 11, 12, 14 and 27 and the changes to the present specification. In comparing the claims and specification of the present application with the corresponding claims and specification of the international